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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A door panel assembly for a dishwasher comprising:

a panel comprising ~~a formation~~ an integral formation depending therefrom, said formation comprising a boot-shaped portion defining a heel portion, a toe portion substantially perpendicular to said heel portion, and a curved arch portion tapering from said heel portion to said toe portion; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and an opening therein complementary in shape to said formation, said formation received in said opening, said heel portion and said toe portion cooperating to retain said seal member.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 1, said seal member further comprising a flap portion extending from said head portion.

4. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 1, said formation and said seal member adapted for slide on installation of said seal member to said door.

5. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 4, said panel further comprising a barrier portion extending from said panel in a spaced apart relationship to said formation.

6. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said door panel comprises an inner door panel.

7. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said formation depends from a bottom portion of said inner door panel.

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8. (currently amended) A door panel assembly for a dishwasher, said door panel assembly comprising:

an inner door panel comprising ~~a formation~~ an integral formation extending therefrom, said formation comprising at least one flat surface and a curved surface extending opposite said flat surface, said at least one flat surface defining a heel portion extending beyond said curved surface, said curved surface tapering to a toe portion; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and an opening therethrough, said opening complimentary in shape to said formation and receiving said formation and attaching said seal member to said formation.

9. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said formation comprises a boot portion, said boot portion comprising a flat rear edge.

10. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 9, wherein said heel portion extends from said flat rear edge.

11. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 10, said boot portion comprising a curved arch portion extending from said heel.

12. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8, said inner door panel further comprising a barrier portion extending therefrom in a spaced apart relationship to said formation, said flat surface of said formation extending substantially parallel to said barrier formation.

13. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said formation extends from a bottom portion of said inner panel.

14. (currently amended) A door panel assembly comprising:

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a panel comprising a bottom portion, ~~a formation~~ an integral formation extending therefrom, and a barrier portion extending therefrom in a spaced apart relationship to said formation; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and a flap portion extending from said head portion and contacting a distal end of said barrier portion, said head portion comprising an opening therethrough for receiving said formation, said head portion engaged to said formation.

15. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said seal member is adapted for slide on engagement with said formation.

16. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said formation comprises a boot portion comprising at least a curved arch surface.

17. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said boot portion further comprises a flat edge extending substantially parallel to said barrier portion.

18. - 20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A seal comprising:

a head portion and a flap portion extending from said head portion, said head portion defining a boot-shaped opening having a heel portion, a toe portion angularly displaced from said heel portion, and a curved arch portion tapering from said heel portion to said toe portion, wherein said head portion and said flap portion are configured for engagement with a door panel.

22. (previously presented) A seal according to Claim 21 wherein said flap portion is configured for engagement with a barrier portion of the door panel.